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The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing of the present application.

German reference 41 09 231 discloses a process for the utilization of halogen-polluted carbon-containing waste substances in which the materials are converted together with oxygen in the flame of an entrained-bed gasifier. This reference is discussed in greater detail in

the specification of the present application and the Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to that discussion.

German reference 44 46 803 discloses a process for utilizing residues and waste material. Applicants do not have an English language translation of this reference readily available. However, an English language abstract thereof is attached.

The present invention defines a specific process and apparatus for the utilization of halogen-polluted carbon-containing residual and waste substances, which are not believed to be disclosed by the enclosed references.

The present invention defines a specific method for utilizing vaporizable liquid fuels, residues and waste by gasification to recover in post gasification processing which is not believed to be disclosed by the enclosed references.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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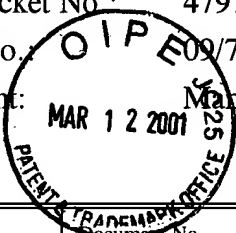
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